

«My God, I hope in You»

In prayer with Mother M. Elisa

Introduction

Sign of the Cross

L. In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

A. Amen.

Song: *Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Refrain. *Glory to you, Jesus Christ, you reigns now
and forever! / Glory to you! Come: you are the only hope!*

Praise to you! Heart of God, with your blood
Wash every sin: return hope of the dying man.
Only in you, Peace and Unity! Amen! Alleluia! **Ref.**

Praise to you! Life of the world, humble servant
Until death, gift of the future story.

Only in you, Peace and Unity! Amen! Alleluia! **Ref.**

Praise to you! All the church, celebrates the Father
With your voice, and in the Holy Spirit, sing for joy.
Only in you, Peace and Unity! Amen! Alleluia! **Ref.**

Monition

L. Sisters and brothers, we are gathered to thank the
Lord for having given us and to the whole Church Mo-
ther M. Elisa Andreoli, a woman of hope, a virtue that has
always stirs on the Servant of God by inculcating them,
even in the most adverse situations, the strength, courage
and determination. We ask the Lord that, like Mother
Elisa, we may know how to put the strong foundation of
our hope in the boundless goodness of God.

Prayer:

L. Let us pray.
O God, life of your faithful,
Glory of the humble, bliss of the just,
Listen to the prayer of your people,
And shower with your abundant gifts
The thirst of those who hope in your promises.
For Christ our Lord.
A. Amen.

I. Hope in Affliction

Listening to the Word

L: From the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (25: 9; 30: 18-19)

And on that day, it will be said: "Look, this is our God,
in him we put our hope that he should save us, this is
Yahweh, we put our hope in him. Let us exult and rejoice
since he has saved us". But Yahweh is waiting to be
gracious to you, the Exalted One, to take pity on you, for
Yahweh is a God of fair judgement; blessed are all who
hope in him. Yes, people of Zion living in Jerusalem,
you will weep no more. He will be gracious to you when
your cry for help rings out; as soon as he hears it, he will
answer you.

Psalm

(24:1-5, 16:21)

Response. "Lord, our God, our hope is in you"

(M. Elisa Andreoli)

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul,
My God, in You I trust, do not let me be disgraced
Do not let my enemies gloat over me
No one is disgraced who waits for you. **(R)**

Make known to me your ways, Oh Lord,
Teach me your paths,
Guide me by your fidelity and teach me,
For you are God my Savior,
For you I wait all the day long. **(R)**

Look upon me, have pity on me,
For I am alone and afflicted,
Let integrity and uprightness preserve me,
I wait for you, Oh Lord. **(R)**

Reading

L: From the writings of Mother Maria Elisa Andreoli

My ever dearest Sister M. Dolores,

I reply to your letter: How much worsen the things with
the creatures, without our fault, the more we trust in the
good God, because he remains honored in our confidence
in him alone. God allows many difficulties to make his go-
odness resplendent: When creatures promise us beautiful
things, what effort does one hope in God? [...] But when
everything is conjoined against us and we humbly say with

our hearts and the lips: "My God, I trust in you, I hope in you, I love you" here is the true confidence that honors God. No, we will not be confused! So come on, come on; let us trust! Crying, yes, but we trust. (Adria, 31 January 1914)

Invocation

L: Lord Jesus, through afflictions, Mother Elisa grew in patience and in proven virtue, supports us also with your grace.

R: *I know with whom I put my hope.
I am sure of his love.
He will guard me until he returns.*

II. Hope that Never Fails

Listening to the Word

L: From the letter of Paul to the Romans (5:3-5)

But we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that sufferings produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Short Silence

Psalm

(39:2-4)

Response. "Lord, our God, our hope is in you"

I waited, I waited for the Lord,
Then He stooped to me,
And heard my cry for help. **(R)**

He draw me up from the desolate pit,
Out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon the rock,
Making my steps secure. **(R)**

He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God,
Many will see and fear,
And put their trust in the Lord. **(R)**

Reading

L: From the writings of Mother Maria Elisa Andreoli

I received your letter and answered: "Cry and groan before Jesus, repeating always: "Heart of Jesus and Mary, I trust in you!" No one ever hoped for Jesus and Mary Most Holy, remained disappointed. Not even Sister Dolores will be the first! The more the creatures say No, the more we hope in God! With one breath, God wins everyone, scatters everyone. Courage! When His Excellency or else, will come to talk to me, I will write to you ... Enough! God alone knows everything; God alone will remedy. *Deus Veritas; homo mendax!* ". (Adria, 7 february 1914)

Invocation

L: Lord Jesus, Mother Elisa witnessed trust in your goodness and certainty of your help, grant unto us to be a people of peace and hope.

R: *I know with whom I put my hope...*

III. Saving Hope

Listening to the Word

L: From the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 8:22-25

The whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Psalm

(61:6-9)

Response. "Lord, our God, our hope is in you"

For God alone, my soul find rest,
My hope is from him.
He alone is my rock and my salvation,
My fortress, I shall not be shaken. **(R)**

In God rests my salvation and my glory,
My mighty rock, my refuge is God. **(R)**

Trust in Him at all times O people,
Pour out your heart before Him,
God is a refuge for us. **(R)**

Reading

L: From the writings of Mother Maria Elisa Andreoli

I write from Adria not to flatter me to win the case, because of the freemason is powerful. I protest that for this, I hope even more, because hoping in God in desperate cases eminently glorifies his goodness. (*Agenda*, 1910)

Invocation

L: Lord Jesus, with all of the creation, we await the glory of the children of God. Help us to live with this hope. Thanks to the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us..

R: *I know with whom I put my hope...*

IV. Hope in God Alone

L: A Reading from the book of Hebrews

(6:17-20)

Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. God did this so that,

by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged. We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.

Psalm

(150:1-6)

Response. “Lord, our God, our hope is in you”

Praise God in His sanctuary,
Praise Him in His mighty heavens,
Praise Him for His mighty deeds,
Praise Him according to His excellent greatness. **(R)**

Praise Him with the sound of trumpets,
Praise Him with lute and harp,
Praise Him with tambourine and dance,
Praise Him with strings and pipes. **(R)**

Praise Him with resounding cymbals,
Praise Him with clashing of cymbals,
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. **(R)**

Reading

L: From the writings of Mother Maria Elisa Andreoli

The virtue of hope of His eternal salvation was unshakable in Mother Elisa, but always in view of the merits of Jesus Christ. This virtue also inspired in her daughters, recommending them not to put hope in creatures so as not to be disappointed, but in God alone. In fact, when in the most difficult moments for her Institute, kind people offered themselves, to help her. Politely she said, that she do not need, because her Man thought of everything. She meant the most holy spouse Jesus Christ.

(Testimony of sr. M. A. C.)

Invocation

L: Jesus, Mother Elisa invited us to trust in you every difficulties and anxieties. Renew our heart so that we can give ourselves freely, certain that only your reward counts.

R: *I know with whom I put my hope...*

V. Hope in God, Sing Praise

Proclamation of the Gospel

(The gospel can be proclaimed between narrator, lector: Elizabeth and Assembly: Mary)

L: From the Gospel according to Saint Luke
(1:41b-42, 45-48)

Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.” And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the

Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed.”

The proclamation of the Gospel can be followed by a reflection by the presiding person, or read a text from the Magisterium: for example from the encyclical Letter Spe Salvi by Benedict XVI, n. 2.

Intercessory Prayer

L: We glorify the Savior, who gives us hope and peace, and together we pray with confidence:

A: God our Father,
you have given to your Church
Mother Maria Elisa Andreoli
that in her life, constantly sought
inspiration to the Virgin, to understand the will
of your merciful love and to do your will.

We give you thanks
for this benevolent gift and we pray,
grant us, by the example of your faithful servant,
to love and to serve in your plan of salvation
and of love to all mankind
worthy to glorify you in this land
grant us the grace that trustingly we awaits...

A short period of silence for personal intentions

Our Father

Prayer:

L: Let us pray.

O Father, look with kindness to your children
who trust in your help,
among the trials of life
let no prayer be unheard,
no hope remains disappointed,
and that, together with Saint Mary, Mother of Hope,
we can participate in your eternal love.

For Christ our Lord.

T. Amen.

Conclusion

Dismissal

L: Let us go in peace, keeping in our hearts the hope that doesn't fail.

A. Thanks be to God.

Song: *Supplication of the servites*

Or another suitable song known to the assembly.

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